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**Thanks**

.. To those who supported our year 4 - 6 Athletics Team at this week's interschool tournament.

.. To those who have supported their children to apply the self-discipline virtue at home over recent weeks ... and our other virtues over the course of the year.

**SELF-DISCIPLINE Virtue**

... shining examples coming soon to a school near you!

**Term Calendar**

*Please pencil these dates into your calendar.*

3 December - Year 7-8 Athletics Tournament  
4 December - School Team Athletics Day  
13 December - Reports home  
16 December - School Prize Giving  
18 December - Final day

**People of the week**

.. Senior students nominated for the 2013 Citizenship Cup .. see final comment.

.. Those children who have submitted art portfolios for judging this week.

.. Our brave spelling bee participants.

.. Ethan who recently shot 20 out of 25 clay targets using a 20 g single barrel shotgun at the Kaeo Gun Club (4<sup>th</sup> generation of his family to belong to this club). Congratulations Ethan!

.. Brad who has numerous times been noticed by others for his patience and skill with younger children. Well done Brad!

.. Former student Adam ... 4th in the team relay, silver medal in backstroke and the new Oceania Downs Syndrome record holder for 25m backstroke! So proud of you Adam.

**Art Exhibition**

Parents are invited to drop by to the library to view the fantastic art portfolios submitted this week. These have been judged .. outcome at prizegiving.

**School Team Athletics Day - 4 December**

You might like to drop by Wednesday 4 December to share our Team Athletics Day with us. As in earlier years the day will start with a rotation through various field and novelty events and culminate in competitive and social track events and a brief award ceremony at the end of the day. Gets underway at 9:20, lunch 12:20 to 1:00, prizegiving 2:40 (approx.) Please ensure children have their water bottle (named), sunhats, sunblock, suitable (sun safe) clothing and suitable footwear. *Thanks to Alastair Rickey Decorating who are sponsors of this year's Team Athletics Event.*

This year there will be extra house points for the house that has put in effort to "dress up" in costumes of their house colours. Costumes must allow children to run, jump, throw and to be sun safe!

### **Parent Helpers' Morning Tea**

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 AM Tuesday 10 December. This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2014. So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps. Day trips, Bible in schools .. whatever .. please join us if you can. **If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.**

### **Prizegiving**

Please pencil in 16 December for prizegiving ... getting underway 7:00 PM. As is our custom we will have a little present for each student ... as well as for pre-schoolers. If you intend bringing your pre-schooler to prizegiving please give Donna a call next week.

### **Classes for 2014**

Class lists for 2014 will be displayed on the hall notice board on the afternoon of 13 December.

### **Whanau Hui**

This will be held Friday 13 December. Times to be confirmed. Please pencil this in.

### **Drink Bottles**

Please ensure your child brings a drink bottle to school each day to place on their desk. Water is best.

### **Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Competitions**

Please return any outstanding consents on Monday .. these are now urgent. Questions please to Mr Delemare.

### **School Contributions and EOTC fees**

Those who opted for term payment of school contributions and activity fees will have received a request for their final instalment. Please forward payment as soon as possible and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

### **Leaving Books**

Parents of year 8 students are asked to ensure that leaving books are returned to school by 9 December please. Thank you for assisting in the selection of these books.

### **Badminton**

Last session for the year will be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Scholastic Book Club Issue 8**

All orders and payments due back at the office by 6<sup>th</sup> December Friday.

### **Spelling Bee**

Children who won class spelling bees participated this week in the school spelling bee competitions. Congratulations to all of these children for their sterling performances. Winning students will receive their cups at prizegiving.

### **Home Garden Judging - Saturday 30 November**

Please note that gardens will not be visited if the Consent to Visit Form has not been returned to school.



Judging criteria for gardens are as follows ..

Criteria	Points	Criteria	Points
Diary	6	Health of Plants	4
Layout (incl thinning, spacing and staking)	4	Varieties of Plants	4
Pest Control	4	Creativity / originality	4
Weed Control	4		30

To assist judges please ensure .. that you have tied a balloon to your gatepost .. that your garden is well sign posted .. that dogs are tied up. Thank you.

### 2014 School Stationery

As for 2013, stationery will need to be ordered online via the OfficeMax website - [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz)



Search for Matarau School and then your child's class. You will find complete class stationery lists with unit prices. Again as for 2013, the school has passed on its reward points to families (who purchase online) , gaining you a further 10% cost advantage (possibly still the only school in NZ that does this). Orders can be placed across the holidays for delivery before school starts. A brochure will be sent home shortly explaining the process. If you do not have internet access please contact Helen for a printed list.

### Taken from last year's term 4 ... week 7 newsletter - couldn't resist sharing again

"This week one of our juniors explained to her teacher quite emphatically that she wanted to be a doctor when she grew up. When asked why, this child explained that it was so that she could make puddings. Apparently this child thought the puddings in hospital were pretty good. When reminded that doctors also helped people to get well the child responded that yes she would like to make puddings and help people to get well .. sounds a pretty good plan to us."

### Finally ..

Recently staff engaged in the incredibly difficult task of shortlisting year 8 students for our school citizenship cup. As in earlier years this took some time as so many students have qualities worthy of celebration. After lengthy discussion, and subsequent deliberation, the following students were nominated. We would like to congratulate these students and thank them sincerely for the contribution they have made to our school, and for the confidence they give us that the next generation of adults will have the skills and attitudes to make this world a better place for their walk in it. These students do not stand alone but represent all such students (here and elsewhere) who are of like mind and heart.

So .. well done to the following students and congratulations to their parents ..

Drae	Andrew
Reuben	Kayla
Belinda	Ruby
Ariah	

Voting took place this week (with every student voting). The recipient of the cup will be announced at prize giving.

### Finally .. truly finally

Q. What goes eek, eek, bang?

A. A mouse in a minefield.

Regards  
Kevin Trehwella  
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**Work Wanted** - to occupy (regular or casual) 16yr old from end November, responsible and reliable, ph William Dorahy on 4335512.

**For Sale** - \_ QUAD 110CC 3 SPEED and REVERSE \$500 ono Phone: Daniel 4335 966

**For Sale** - "Real pine Christmas trees for sale from \$20 - \$40, approx 2m – 3m tall. Pickup opposite the kindy Thursday 12/Friday 13 December after school or email to arrange a different day - drop off can be arranged if you are close to school/kindy. Pre-book a tree so you don't miss out [donna@digitype.co.nz](mailto:donna@digitype.co.nz) "

**All Stars-Kids in Action** OSCAR school holiday programme, Monday 16th – Friday 20th December 2013, Monday 13th – Friday 17th January 2014, Monday 20th – Friday 24th January 2014, Activities include sports, arts, crafts & baking, swimming, lazer maze, 10 pin bowling, team building/leadership skills. Raumanga (The Pulse), \$35.00per day, 5-14 years. Enquiries & bookings welcome, please contact: Paul on (021) 951-925 or (09)436-3045 e: [paul@kidsinaction.co.nz](mailto:paul@kidsinaction.co.nz), [www.kidsinaction.co.nz](http://www.kidsinaction.co.nz)

**Northland Golf Club.** Coaching sessions for new & developing Junior Golfers are now available (both Primary & Intermediate ages).

**Active Attitude after school swimming programme**, Kokopu School on Friday 15th November. Be in quick to secure a place for your child on the programme (we only take 4 kids per class). There are classes for ages 5 and up. For further information or to register, please visit [www.activeattitude.co.nz](http://www.activeattitude.co.nz) or contact Lauren 021 550 064 or [lauren@activeattitude.co.nz](mailto:lauren@activeattitude.co.nz)

**Hikurangi Rugby Club Rally Day** - 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2014 from 10am-2pm. Come and register to play in the upcoming season. Get weighed and have a run around with your future team mates. Parents we need your help. If you are interested in being a coach or manager of a team, please contact Kasey on 021542426. We can't do it without your support. Season starts in April.

**Free Holiday Programme** - *Proudly sponsored by the Ministry of Social Development*, One Week holiday programme - Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 1.00pm, **When:** 5 Different Weeks to choose from - Week 1 Dec 16th - 20<sup>th</sup>; Week 2 Jan 6th - 10<sup>th</sup>; Week 3 Jan 13th - 17<sup>th</sup>; Week 4 Jan 20th - 24<sup>th</sup>; Week 5 Jan 29th - Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, **Where:** Whangarei Intermediate School Hall, **Who:** Children Aged 8 to 14 years old, **Activities:** Sports, Arts and Crafts, Hip Hop Dancing, Trips to Roundhouse Kick Boxing and the Whangarei Aquatic Centre. **Costs: Everything FREE.** To register call 09-4596909 and leave your details on the answer phone; name, phone number and week you wish your child/ren to attend or email [info@hardcoredance.co.nz](mailto:info@hardcoredance.co.nz) **We will get back to you to confirm your registration.** Register now...limited spaces.

**Matarau Tennis AGM** - The AGM is due again and will be held on **Thursday 5 December at 7pm** at the **Comrie Park Kindy**. For further details and if you wish to be on the committee and help us - contact Robyn [russrob763@gmail.com](mailto:russrob763@gmail.com) or 4335501 or Sean on [seanparker.nz@gmail.com](mailto:seanparker.nz@gmail.com).

**Ruatangata Playcentre AGM** – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013, 7.30pm, 84 Miro Rd.  
**Whangarei Academy of Gymnastics Christmas Holiday Program** – Thur 19 Dec, Fri 20 Dec, Mon 23 Dec, Full Day \$35 9.30am-4.00pm, half day \$20 9.30am-12.30 or 12.30-4.00pm, 5-14 yr old, Loads of activities. Bring your own snacks/lunch/drink. Numbers limited. Ph 4376667 or [wags.gym@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wags.gym@xtra.co.nz) to make a booking.



**KidsCan Santa Run** - Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.30pm. Fun run/walk that individuals, groups or teams can take part in dressed up as Santa's and raising money for KidsCan. Register online at [www.lacticturkey.co.nz/SantaRunEntry.htm](http://www.lacticturkey.co.nz/SantaRunEntry.htm)